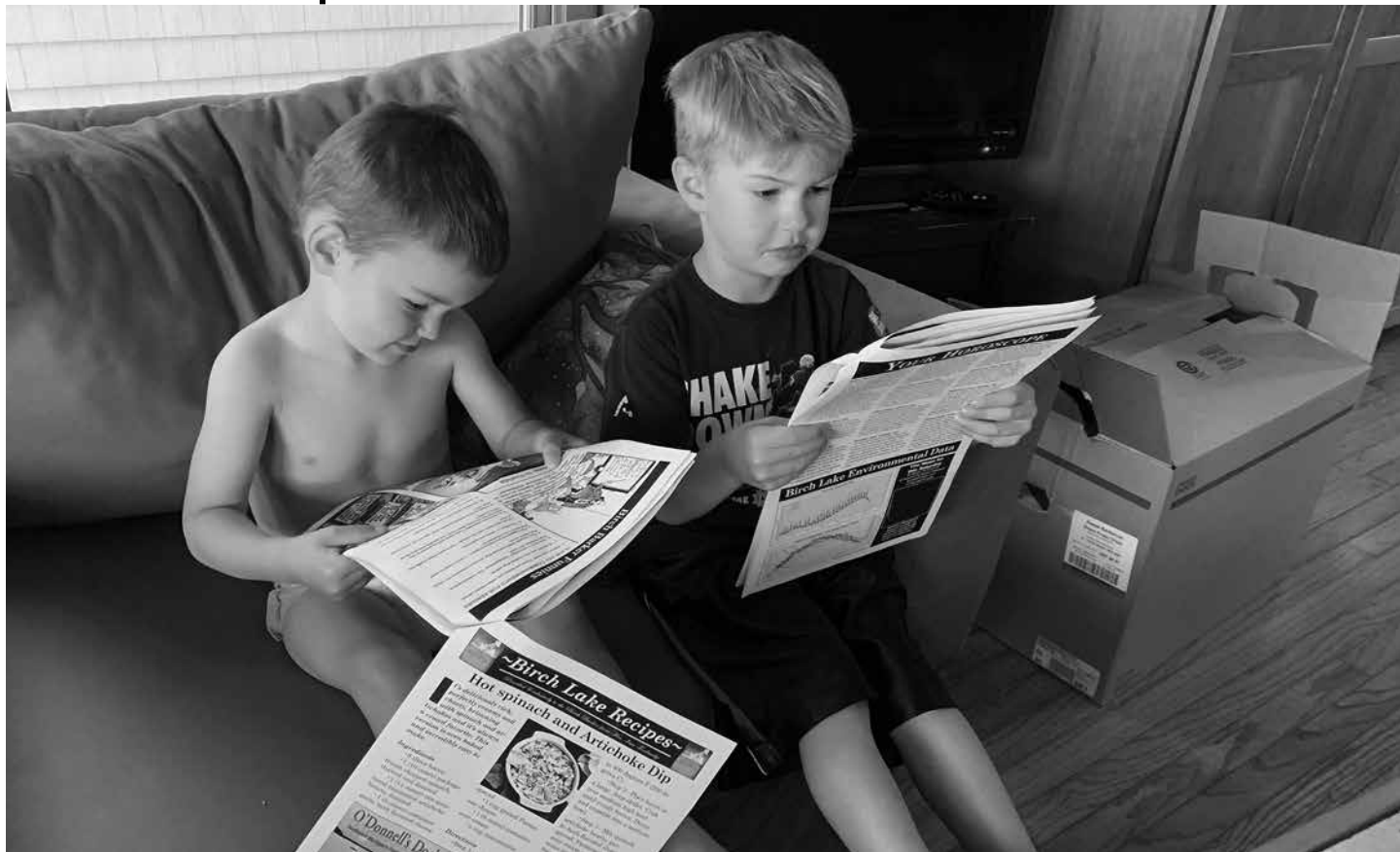


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Of

June 12,
2021

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Brothers Harrison and Kerin Grundy (east side) studiously read their Birch Barker every weekend ...

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

“Friends, friends, friends, we will always be!” Remember singing this song at camp? I went to Camp Eberhart on Corey Lake starting in 1966 and that song rings true to today as my childhood Eberhart friends have returned to Michigan for our upcoming reunion this weekend.

I grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, the third of six children to physician parents, David and Jane Waxman. My mother was from Niles, Michigan and was a camper and counselor at Camp Tannadoonah and Camp Eberhart so she made sure we packed up and went to camp each summer. Ed Levy was one of my cabin counselors, the late Ann O'Brien taught me how to water ski and Rick Doolittle was my junior lifesaving instructor. Buzz Rasmussen was the Waterfront Director at Eberhart and would stand on top of the 3-meter board to run free swims. He would blow a whistle for buddy checks and give the distinctive command, “QUIET,” which directed everyone to grab your buddy's hand, raise your arms together and stop talking/yelling. I became the Waterfront Director in 1976 and tried to do my best

impression of Buzz, including how he would wind and unwind the whistle lanyard on his index finger. Never quite got the intonation of the “QUIET,” but I tried. We had great summers at Eberhart and I came back all the way to 1981 when I finished medical school.

By the number of cars at everyone's homes each weekend, your friends and families are visiting beautiful Birch Lake. My hope is that all these gatherings are happening due to more people getting vaccinated for COVID-19. It is the way for all of us to be safe and healthy this summer and next.

Speaking of gatherings, a group of us went to Jaywalkers last week for din-

ner and on the way back, I was riding with Tim and Irene Steffen. Tim gave me the Tour de Swine as we viewed the massive Pig Ranching that is adjacent to M-40. It was a remarkable experience so my Commodore's Kudos this week go to Tim and Irene for the ride and tour!

Have fun with your friends this summer and please remind them to drive SLOWLY on the roads around the lake. Park the cars and take foot for walks morning, noon, or night!

Until that time,
~ Commodore Dan,
First Mate Sharon and
Scout the Wonder Dog

2021 Birch Lake Calendar*

- June 19 - Eagle Lake Regatta, see page 2
- July 2 - BLYC Port-a-Pit Chicken sale, 11 am - 3 pm
- July 3 - FIREWORKS, dusk
- July 3 - Boat Parade, 4 pm
- July 4 - Camp T pancake breakfast, 8:30-11
- July 23 - Ladies Golf Outing, 9 am, Diamond Lake Golf Course
- July 24 - Diamond Lake Reid Francis Memorial Interlake MC Regatta, page 5

- July 17 - Commodore/Vice Commodore Party, BLYC, details tba
 - July 30 - BLYC Mens' Golf Outing, Pine View Hemlock, Three Rivers, 1:30 pm
 - August 7 - Corn and Sausage, BLYC, tba
 - August 27 - Ladies Lunch & Style Show, Woodfire, Dowagiac, 11 am
 - Oct. 16 - Crockpot Challenge (tentative)
- BLYC BOARD MEETINGS**
June 12, July 10, Aug. 7, all 9 am @ BLYC
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— Birch Lake Notes —

Get Ready for the 2021 4th of July Boat Parade!

Now is the time to start planning for your entry for the 4th of July Boat Parade on July 3rd. The theme this year is "Our Heroes." Your hero could be a veteran, a first responder, a Disney character, or your next-door neighbor. We want this year's parade to be the best attended ever! Who will win the coveted "Grand Champion" award? It could be your family!

MC Regattas, clinic planned

An Eagle Lake regatta is on June 19, a one-day event for MC sailors with the skipper's meeting starting at 9 am. Registration is open (\$50) and you may sign-up on the MC website at the link that follows. Everyone is invited and welcome to race. Jack Sanderson is the contact person.

For more information or to register, visit: https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=612443&item_id=1390396

The Diamond Lake Reid Francis Memorial Interlake MC Regatta is also planned for July 24; watch the Barker for details when available.

Clear Lake, Iowa will host the 50th MC National Championship regatta on

June 24 – 27. For more information see https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=612443&item_id=1289415

On Friday, June 18th at Eagle Lake Sailing Club, Ted Keller will conduct an MC sailboat racing clinic. Ted is a champion MC sailor and works for Melges, the MC manufacturer. The seminar will begin at 10 am and end in the late afternoon. Most of Ted's instruction will be on-the-water training, with emphasis on boat tuning, handling, speed, and tactics. Each seminar is unique and you will learn many new skills, as well as refresh skills that you should have already been doing, but just needed a reminder.

The fee for the seminar is \$50. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. All activities will be outside and we will keep our social distance and wear masks when appropriate. If you would like to attend and reserve your spot, send a check for \$50 to: Jack Sanderson, 763 Marias Dr., Coldwater, MI 49036

2021 Dues, fireworks donations

In the midst of everything that has been happening in our world for the past year or so, the BLYC is still here and we

still need operating capital. In addition, we still need contributions to the Fireworks fund. Please use the dues form in the Barker to submit your donations and/or fireworks contributions, or use the online link ([birchlakeyacht-club.com](http://www.birchlakeyacht-club.com)) to pay your yacht club dues. Checks should be mailed to Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr. South Bend, IN 46637. Thanks.

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— Birch Lake Notes —

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com, phone 269-476-1680 (no text, I don't have a cell phone), mail items to 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095 or put them in my mailbox there on the east side of the lake.



Looks like the marina on the east side has developed a unique way to get more boats into limited space ...

Welcome to Jaywalker



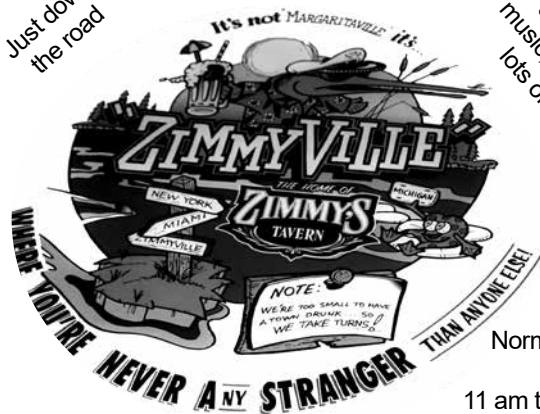
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And they're off!

Last Sunday was a perfect day for sailboat racing. There were six MCs and nine sunfish participating! Apparently, after a long period of not sailing, the sailors were ready and anxious to get back on the lake! It was awesome to see all the boats out on a perfect Sunday morning on our lake.

Many thanks go out to Tom Cassady, Vic Jones, and Phil Vitale for setting the course and doing rescue duty when a couple of sailors had their boats go over. Thankfully, everyone got righted and no one was hurt.

Committee Boat was occupied by Keith Kinzler, Good Patti Russwurm, and the woman with a voice like a nightingale, (yeah, right!), Bad Patty. A good time was had by all!

Let's (hopefully) do it all again this Sunday at 11 am! Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to try it! There's plenty of room on the lake for more boats!

Sail on!

~Fleet Captain, Bill
(and ghostwriter, BP)



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~BLYC Sailing Results~

BLYC Season Standings to date

Date..... 6-Jun.... 6-Jun 6-Jun..... Points Average..... Finished %
 Race#..... 1 2 3

MC Scow/Sailor	Total MC Races.....			3			
Barb Cassady #2506	2	2	1	4642	1547	3	100%
Bill Luecht #1579	3	3	2	4409	1470	3	100%
Scott Troeger #1489.....	1	1	DNF	4356	1452	2	67%
Pat Welch #1979.....	4	5	3	4109	1370	3	100%
Pat McGann #1735.....	DNF	4	4	3894	1298	2	67%
Sandy Vitale.....	5	6	5	3817	1272	3	100%

Sunfish/Sailor	Total Sunfish Races=>			3			
Peter Soldato.....	1	3	1	4644	1548	3	100%
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)...	2	2	4	4411	1470	3	100%
Stewart Spratt.....	4	4	2	4259	1420	3	100%
Scott Temple.....	3	5	3	4184	1395	3	100%
Bob Niezgodski	5	6	5	3817	1272	3	100%
Steve Frew.....	7	1	DNF	3780	1260	2	67%
Herb Cleveland.....	6	7	DNF	3405	1135	2	67%
Camille Butler	8	9	6	3338	1113	3	100%
Jeff & Tammy Walls.....	9	8	7	3269	1090	3	100%

DNF (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season; **DNF** (Did Not Finish); **DSQ** (Disqualified) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place); **DNF, DSQ** not counted toward minimum number of races needed; **CB** - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total; Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.); Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted; **Crew** - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat



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AT BIRCH LAKE,
 and
ON SAILING DAYS
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A BREAK and
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— Water Quality Report —

This week we'd like to discuss Commandment #1, "Thou Shalt Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)."

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) refers to all non-native organisms living in or near our bodies of water. Examples include zebra mussels, aggressive weeds, and fish diseases. Because they typically have no natural predatory, competing, or limiting species, AIS can overwhelm a body of water very quickly. Once an AIS visits a body of water it may be controlled, but rarely eliminated. Currently there are at least hundreds of known forms of AIS.

AIS threaten the health of our lakes and rivers, decrease water quality and can limit recreational enjoyment. It has been estimated that the total economic impact of aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes region is \$5.7 billion per year.

Within the last decade or so, rampant AIS at a few lakes within 60 miles of ours has actually caused their state DNR (Department of Natural Resources) to, on a temporary basis, "close" those lakes for use. At Birch, we already "enjoy" the presence of at least known types of AIS:

- 1) Eurasian Milfoil – for which we survey and treat annually
- 2) Purple Loosestrife – for which volunteers (Bruce Wagner) hunts and then oversees the pulling of, every late summer
- 3) Curly Leaf Pondweed – for which we monitor but action has not yet been required.
- 4) Limited quantities of Hybrid Eurasian Milfoil were recently detected after a treatment and elimination of our normal Eurasian Milfoil. We will now more regularly monitor this species also and discuss it further in a future article. At this point we don't know what impact it may, or may not have, on the lake. We have learned that a product that does not work on this particular hybrid is not the product that we currently use on our lake.

A particularly problematic species, Starry Stonewort, has already been discovered in numerous nearby bodies of water (including our own mill pond.) Numerous

other forms of AIS thrive in the area and threaten us regularly. For these reasons, each year we hire outside experts to survey our lake.

Movement of boats and trailers among water bodies is the most common way Aquatic Invasive Species spread in Michigan. Washing of those boats and trailers is an obvious and relatively easy way to stop them.

Michigan Law requires that we:

- Remove aquatic organisms, including plants from boats, boating equipment and boat trailers before launching or placing in the water or transporting any watercraft over land.
- Pull plugs and drain live wells, bilges, ballast tanks and all water from boats before leaving the access site.
- Dispose of unused bait in the trash. Do not release bait into the water.
- Don't transfer fish to water bodies other than where they were caught. Further, in Michigan it is recommended that we:
 - Inspect and remove plants and mud from boats, trailers and gear and dry equipment before leaving the access area.
 - Dispose of the material in a trash receptacle or otherwise away from water body.
 - Power wash boats, trailers and gear before leaving the access area if possible, or at a nearby car wash or at home
 - Clean our boats and equipment before and after use in a new body of water
 - Don't allow the cleaning residue from a previous body of water to runoff into a different body of water
 - After cleaning, dry boats and equipment. (Most Invasives, and significant fish diseases, will die if left dry, out of the water, for 5 (five) days
 - Disinfect live wells, bilges and gear with a mild bleach solution (1/2 cup bleach to 5 gallon of water.)
 - Do not dump fish and plants from aquariums into a body of water unless you are absolutely certain that each variety of living matter therein is native to that body of water.



In summary, please be careful not to place (or dump) anything that may be invasive (non-native) into our lake or into a place that may eventually wash into our lake. Included would be plants, fish, bait, aquarium remnants, and even crawfish left over from a "boil."

PLEASE PASS THE WORD

THE "SIX COMMANDMENTS OF BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY"

- I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff
- III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves
- IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines
- V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake
- VI. Thou shalt remain informed and active about other Water Quality issues

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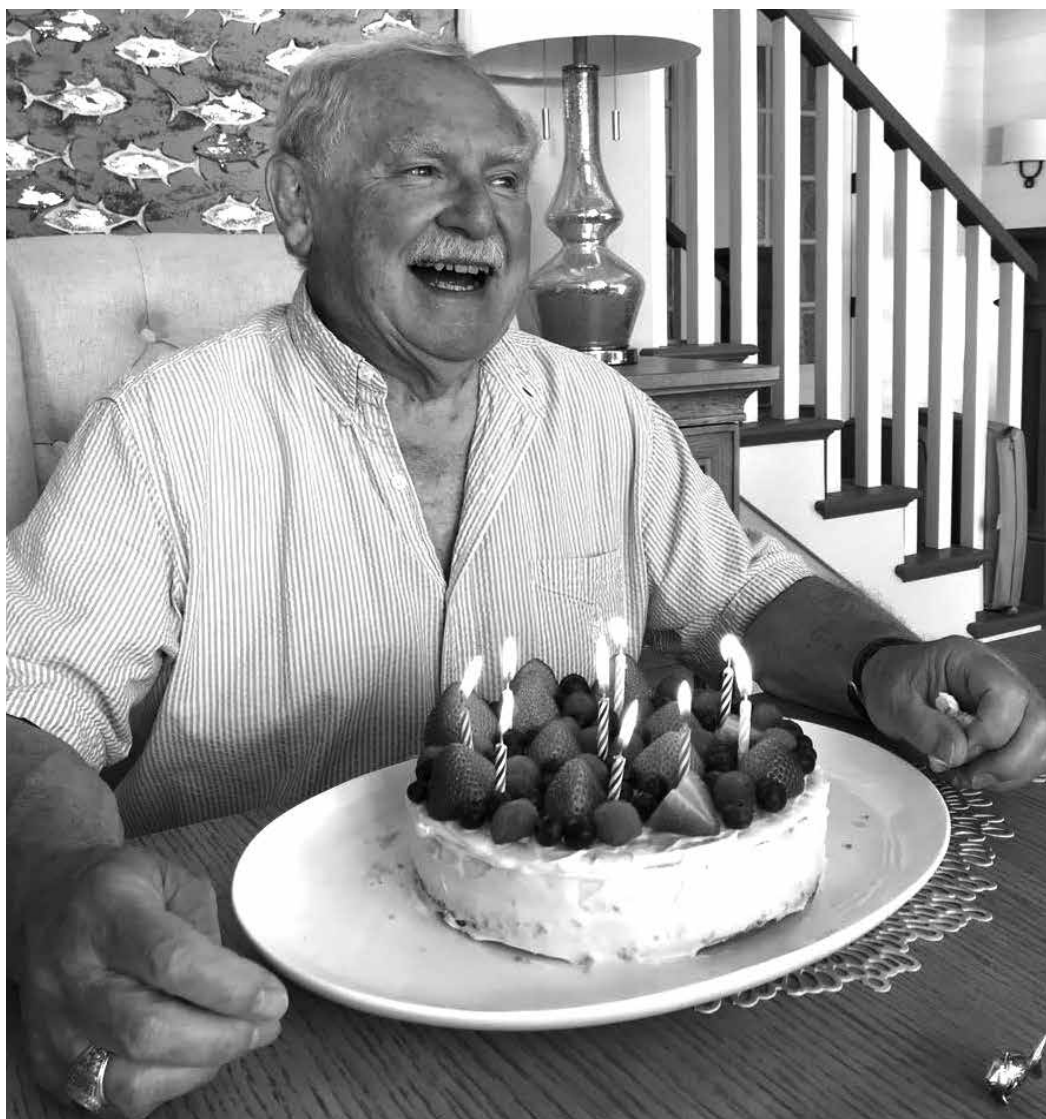
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



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KIDS OF THE WEEK

Want your kid to be a Birch Barker Kid of the Week? Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be the Lawnmower of the Week? Just mail your photo (with a SASE if you want the photo(s) back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; or put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (on the east side), or email them to me at SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM

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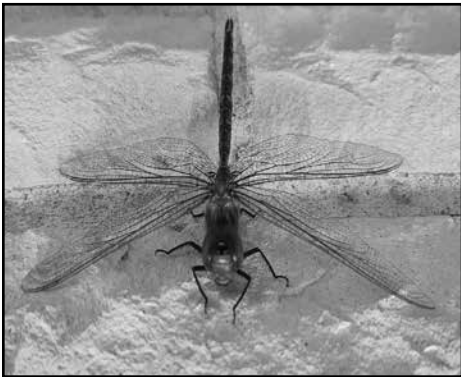
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



This is Rich and Beth DeYoung (west side) with all their grand-kids. Photo submitted by Buzz Rasmussen.



BUGS OF THE WEEK: Thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north shore) for the dragonfly pic at left, and at right is a photo I shot of a Black Blister Beetle, which can look ordinary and unassuming, but under duress, they can leave quite a mark on insects and humans alike. These nasty blister-bugs can secrete a chemical that causes irritation, redness and, over time, blister formation on human skin. It is a defense mechanism intended to protect them from predators and other threats.



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Camp T Counselor Mr. Parker with one of the two fish he caught barehanded recently ... thanks to Bill Luecht (east shore) for the pic and the story.



Bob Pence and his two Labs (east side) slowly stroll past a "slow down" sign.

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— Barker Pics of the Week —



Deb Hall sent in a throwback pic of Julie Lacy (S) and Debbie Hall (C) getting ready to set sail a few years back! At right is a raft heron sent in by Tammy Hall (W)



The frog at left and the heron at right watched other for a while, but neither wanted to engage ...



photos by some old, Santa-looking guy.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19)

There are three Fire signs and you are one of them. This week Mars moves one of those Fire signs. (They are Aries, Leo and Sagittarius.) When Mars is in one of them, it supports you like the third leg of a three-legged stool. Since Mars is an energy planet, this means for the next seven weeks, your energy will be high! Your self-confidence will be strong. You will be more effective and more competent in everything you do. Romance will blossom! Your interest in sports (especially competitive) will be strong.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

When Mars changes signs this week, it means your home, family and private life will be energized. At a glance, this means you have more determination to deal with your domestic world. But this increased energy will also create chaos and confusion at home. Visiting guests, renovations, residential moves will be a challenge! In fact, these challenges by extension, could create tension within the family, especially with a parent. Domestic strife is classic when Mars is in this part of your chart.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The Sun is still in your sign with Mercury retrograde, which lasts until June 22. This is why you are misplacing things and making goofy mistakes! This means that for the next two months, the pace of your days will accelerate and you will be much more forthright and proactive when talking to others. In other words, you will say what you mean and mean what you say!

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

This continues to be a time when you're happy to hide in the wings. Nevertheless, Venus in your sign will encourage you to socialize with others. This week is a lovely time to shop for wardrobe goodies for yourself. This week is also when fiery Mars moves into your Money House encouraging you to work hard to make money; and at the same time, spend money!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Things are certainly looking up for your sign because this week, fiery Mars is moving into Leo, which denotes great activity in your life. It promotes your desire to work hard and further your own interests. It also gives you the energy to work hard to follow through on your desires. It makes you much more of a fighter for your own rights than usual, as well as the rights of others. Your physical energy will be high and you will accomplish a great deal.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You continue to make a fabulous impression on others because the Sun is at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. This week, someone out there might not have your best interests at heart. So, if you think something fishy is going on - it is! Meanwhile, in this hidden position, Mars can easily make you give others the wrong impression, which undermines your position. Therefore, be mindful of everything you say and do.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Things are going swimmingly. People will seek your advice about artistic matters or how to make something look better. Romance with someone in authority might occur. Meanwhile, you're excited about travel or the possibility of doing something "different." You will refuse to take a backseat position. You will also resent group pressure. Coordinate your needs with the needs of others for a win-win solution.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You have a desire to travel and explore new places, ideas and things. You will also have an excellent opportunity to wrap up old business with insurance issues, taxes, inheritances and shared property. This week, fiery Mars moves to the very top of your chart, which will make you identify with whatever project you're doing, which in turn, is why you will work extremely hard to get it done! The only downside is that conflict with coworkers might arise because they feel threatened by your hard work and energy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Like Aries and the principle of a three-legged stool, you benefit by Mars moving into your Fire sign this week. This is why you will enjoy increased self-confidence; enthusiasm and feel more competent and more effective. You will be clear about your intentions and know exactly what course you want to follow. Mars will also boost your sex drive! Mars will spur your desire to travel and explore the world. Oh yes, you want it all - first-class.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You like efficiency and production, which is why you're happy to work hard. However, you are frustrated by the delays, confused communications, missed appointments, late deliveries and minor moments of mayhem in your job due to Mercury retrograde. This week, Mars moves into one of your Money Houses indicating potential disputes about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues.

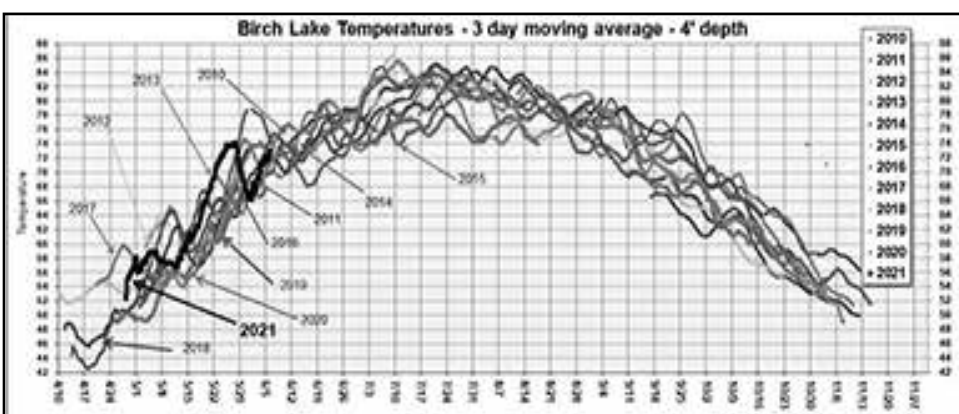
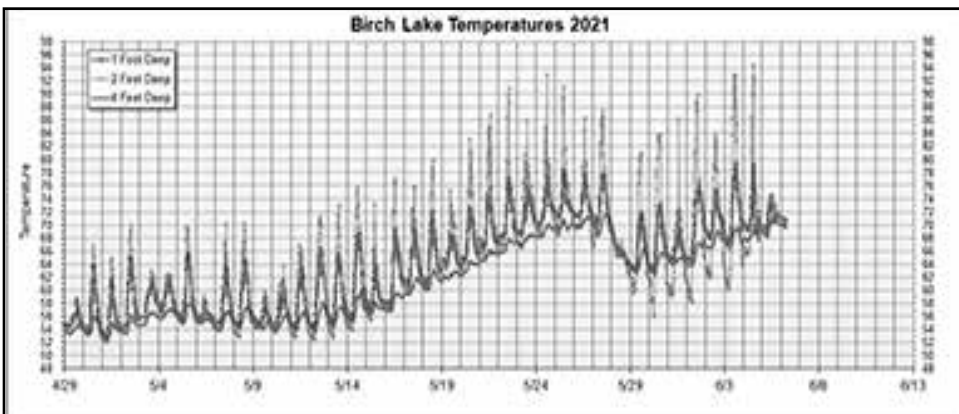
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This week is lighthearted and playful! You will enjoy social outings and fun activities with children. Old flames from the past might be in touch. Accept all invitations to have a good time because this is totally appropriate. Relations with coworkers are warm, which is rewarding. However, this week, disputes with partners and close friends might arise. Basically, these are probably power struggles.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Home, family and your private life continue to be important. Mercury retrograde will recycle past issues that you dealt with at home. On the upside, Mercury retrograde will help you finish home projects. Meanwhile, lucky Jupiter and fair Venus want you to party! Both these planets will also promote new love, and enhance existing partnerships. In the midst of this encouraging news you will work efficiently with perseverance at whatever task you're doing. Your health will also be invigorated.

Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.073
2.8 days since new moon



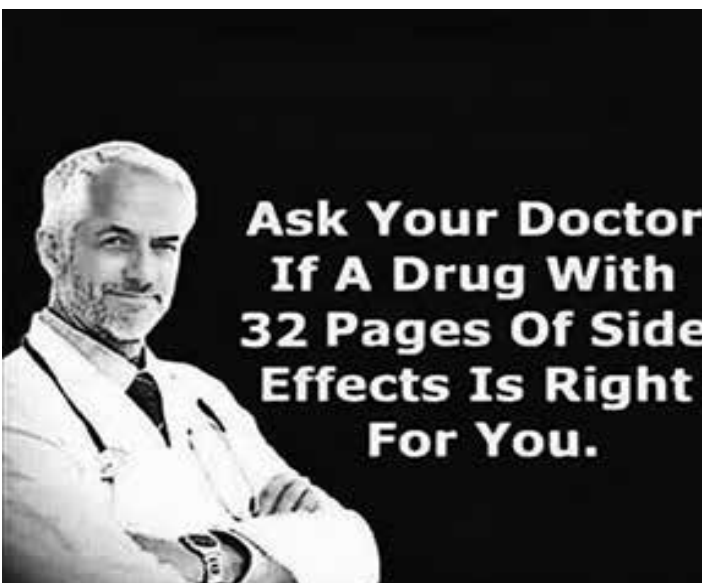
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Birch Barker Funnies



"Look. You *had* five bones, right? Your friend Zooky comes over, stays awhile, then leaves. Now you have *four* bones, right? ... You don't have to be a 'Lassie' to figure this one out."

THE IDEA HAD TO COME FROM SOMEWHERE





~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Cicada cookies

Eager to try out your own culinary skills on this year's crop of Brood X cicadas? Here's Jenna Jadin's 2004 "Cicada-licious" recipe for Chocolate-Chip Trillers.

Ingredients:

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 12-ozs. of chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup dry roasted chopped cicadas

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
In a small bowl, combine flour, baking



soda and salt, then set aside.

In a large bowl, combine butter, sugar, brown sugar and vanilla, then beat till creamy, incorporating eggs.

Gradually add flour mixture and insects, mix well. Stir in chocolate chips, scooping up the dough with a rounded teaspoon, drop spoonfuls onto an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes approximately 3 dozen cookies.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

We are officially OVER 1000 camper registrations for this summer. We've only had 1000 campers once before – in 2019 – and we got our 1000th registration at the very end of the summer. Right now we are at 1006 and still taking registrations.

We added a week of camp this year, which is one of the reasons we are able to get to 1000 kids even with capacity limits due to COVID. We are still keeping our cabin groups smaller than normal, so our overnight sessions will actually have 35 fewer spots than our normal full capacity. But we have increased the day camp capacity by 15-20 per week, and nearly all of those day camp spots are filled for the summer.

Our first group of campers are set to check in on Sunday afternoon (the 13th). We currently have 82 kids registered for this first session, which makes it the smallest session of the summer. It should be a good test-run for our new check in process, which includes a COVID test for every camper.

We were able to obtain Abbott Labs Binax Now rapid tests, so that we can test each camper for COVID upon arrival at camp. We know it's not perfect – that someone could test negative on Sunday and then test positive on Tuesday – but it's one more screening tool we can use to try to keep our summer COVID-free. Nearly all of our staff were able to be fully vaccinated prior to arrival at camp,

as well, and many of our campers (those 12 and older) will be able to be vaccinated prior to camp.

We are continuing to follow many of the precautions we did last year, including keeping campers and staff in small groups or "cohorts". In a typical summer, campers each have an individual schedule, and campers from all cabins and groups are mixing together throughout the day. This year, and last year, the cabin groups or cohorts stay together all day – going to their activities together, eating their meals together, and sitting together during large group activities.

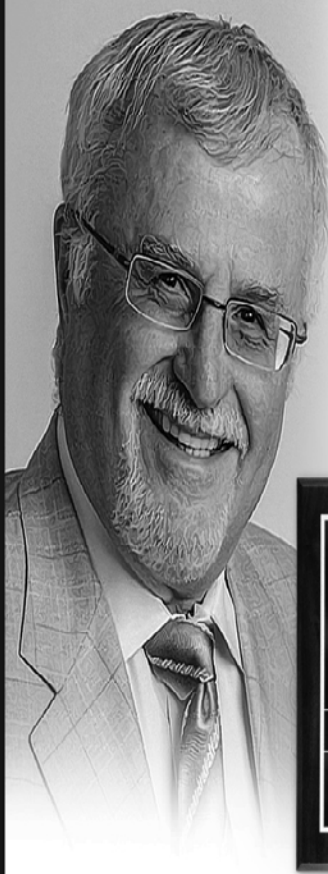
Following CDC guidelines for summer camps, when campers are with their own cohort or cabin, they do not need to wear masks. But when two or more cabins do an activity together, they have to have 2 of these three things: masks, distanced, and outdoors. So two cabins can play volleyball against each other with no masks, because they are outdoors and distanced. But if two cabins want to play cards at a picnic table, they need to do that outdoors and with masks, because they're not staying 6 feet apart from the other group.

Our main goal is to mitigate the spread of the virus, so that if someone at camp did test positive, we could contain the spread to a small group, and not have to shut down all of camp. We've also increased our cleaning of high touch surfaces and shared spaces, have camp-




ers sleeping head-to-toe in the cabins so their heads are farther apart, and reduced the number of campers in the cabins. We feel very lucky that we made it through last season without a COVID case, and are hoping for a similarly successful season this year.

~Mrs. Amber



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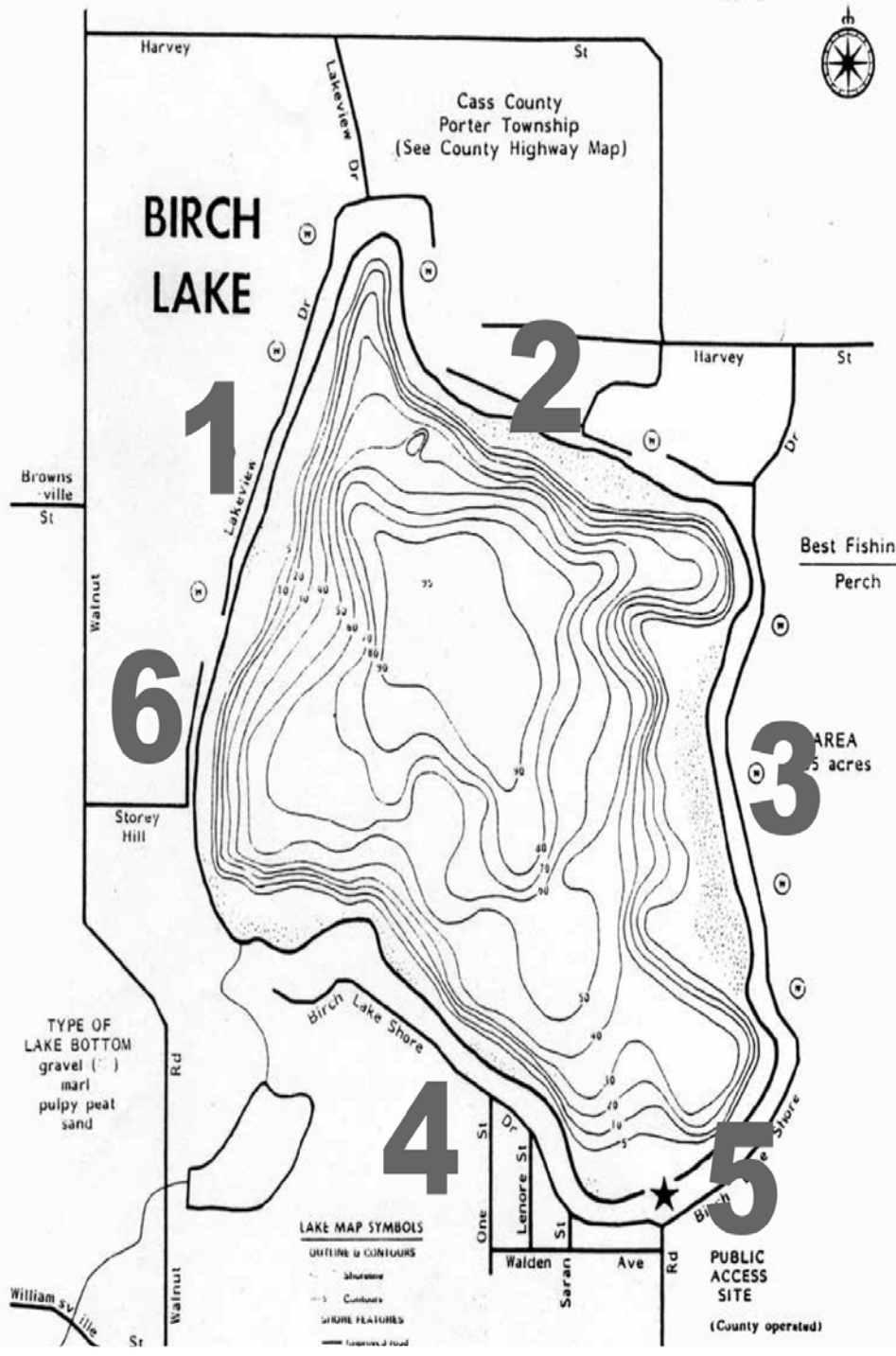
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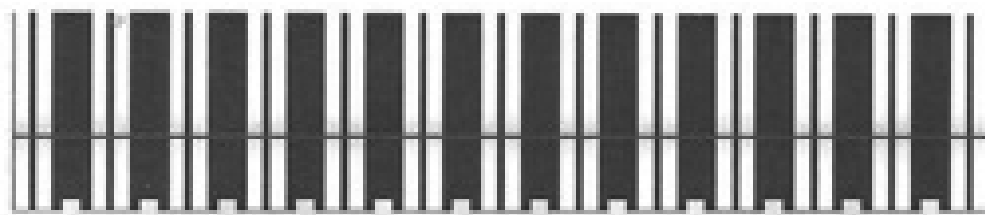
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